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Utah OIG Presents Annual Report

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah Office of Inspector General (Utah OIG) presented its 2014 Annual Report to the Utah Legislative Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee on Tuesday, September 23, 2014. The report demonstrates that the Office, now in its third year of operation, continues to meet its mission of "safeguarding taxpayer assets through the reduction of waste, abuse and fraud within the Utah Medicaid system, while treating all key stakeholders fairly."

During State Fiscal Year 2014, the report shows the Utah OIG recovered $11,570,604 of inappropriately paid Medicaid funds. This is a recovery rate of $5 for every $1 spent. The recovered funds are returned to the Medicaid program for appropriate use by other Medicaid recipients.

In addition to the recovery of funds the Office assists the medical provider community by providing training events that give providers the opportunity to have their Medicaid billing questions answered and learn Medicaid billing best practices. These training events have helped the Office build strong partnerships with many Providers throughout Utah. According to Dan Ditto, Senior Legal Counsel for Intermountain Healthcare, "the relationship between the provider community and the Utah OIG has improved substantially since the inception of the Office of Inspector General." This collaborative effort is one of the Office's key objectives in ensuring a more efficient state government.

The Inspector General, Lee Wyckoff recently stated, "Our focus on early intervention and prevention appear to be paying off. We are experiencing positive feedback on almost every front. Providers now work cooperatively with the Utah OIG to achieve better outcomes for the healthcare community and taxpayers."

The Inspector General encourages residents and the healthcare communities of Utah to report suspected waste, abuse, and fraud of Medicaid funds through the Utah OIG hotline at (855) 403-7283, or on the website at oig.utah.gov. The full report can also be viewed on the website.

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